# MEDINA COUNTY 4-H

# NEWSLETTER

October 2026

1506 Ave M. Hondo, Tx | Website: https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/medina-county/ | Ph 830-741-6180

## TX4H

TX4H is our new enrollment platform! You will need to make a new account as we are switching to a brand new website. You will need to create a new family profile and member profiles in the new platform. We will be using the account email on our email list, if you would like multiple emails added please contact the office.
https://tx4h.tamu.edu/

## UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

OCT 9 - Food & Nutrition Entry Forms
OCT 10 - One Day 4-H
OCT 13 - Clover Kid Food Show entries due
OCT 17 - Lamb & Goat Validation
OCT 22 - County Food & Nutrition Contests
OCT 22 - Clover Kid Food Show
OCT 27 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest Submissions Due
OCT 30 - County Show Broilers Due
NOV 2-6 - Major Show Entry Week
NOV 14 & 15 - Swine Validation
NOV 26-27 - Office Closed

***Like us on Facebook to get news about 4-H events and contests throughout the year!**

## UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

OCT 1 – Norman Borlaugh Youth In Ag Program DEADLINE
OCT 4-10 - National 4-H Week
OCT 27 - D10 Registration Closes
OCT 28-30 - D10 Late Registration
OCT 30 - JMP Kerrville Workshop Registration Deadline
OCT 31 - Texas Beekeeping Photo Contest Deadline
NOV 1 - SPARK 2026! Registration Deadline

***Go to District 10 4-H website for District events**

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:
https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/medina-county/
https://www.facebook.com/4HMedinaCounty/

## LIVESTOCK VALIDATION INFO

**HEIFER**: Validation will be October 18th from 2-4pm
**LAMB & GOATS:** Validation will be October 17th from 9-11am at the Hondo FFA Center
**SWINE**: Tag Orders are due September 28th

- Validation Dates: November 14th at Medina Valley FFA Project Center from 8-10am, Natalia FFA Project Center from 11-12pm, Devine FFA Project Center from 1-3pm
- Validation Dates: November 15th at Hondo FFA Project Center from 2-4pm.

**TURKEYS:** Tentative pick-up date is November 11th
**POULTRY:** County Show Broilers due October 30th - $45/box
**RABBIT**: Validation will be December 21st from 9-11am at the Devine Ag Mech Classroom

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAJOR SHOW SIGN UP**

- Major Show Sign-Up will be November 2-6th during regular office hour of 8:00-5:00pm. We will be open for lunch during this week. On November 4th we will be open until 7:00pm.
- Ft. Worth entries are due November 6th at 5:00pm. Ft. Worth **DOES NOT** allow late entries!
- You will be assessed a $100 late fee for any entries turned in after Nov. 6th. (there are no late entries for Ft. Worth)

**SOUTH TEXAS DOUBLE TROUBLE PROSPECT SHOW** - October 30th - $50/head
**MCJLS SWINE PROSPECT SHOW** - November 7th - $45/head

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

**September 30th is the LAST DAY to join the livestock judging team! If you are interested please contact the office ASAP.**

**Refer to the Livestock Judging packet/calendar for practice datesor look out for emails.**

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Livestock Judging
- Horse Judging
- Horse Show
- Meat Judging
- Wool & Mohair Judging
- Educational Presentations
- Public Speaking
- Skillathons
  - Beef, Sheep, Swine, Livestock
- Quizbowls
  - Horse, Livestock

# NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECT NEWS

## PROJECTS & TEAMS

- Shooting Sports - Smallbore Rifle, Shotgun, & Archery
- Western Heritage
- Outdoor Education and Living Skills
- Range Science & Plant ID
- Entomology
- Sportfishing

CHECK OUT: medina.agrilife.org/4-H for more info on our natural resources projects and a link to trainings and contests available throughout the year.

## UPCOMING DATES

OCT 1-27 - D10 Fall Roundup Registration
OCT 17 - D10 Seguin Coaches Training
NOV 16-DEC 15 - D10 Shooting Sports Coaches Training Registration - La Vernia
DEC 5 - D10 Archery Match
JAN 9-10 - D10 La Vernia Coaches Training

*Contact the office if you are interested in joining a project and we can provide you with the adult leaders contact info.

# FCH PROJECT NEWS

## UPCOMING DATES

OCT 9 - Food Show & Food Challenge County entry forms
OCT 10 - Guadalupe Co. Desserts on Display
OCT 11 - Guadalupe Co. Food Challenge
OCT 13 - Clover Kid Food Show entries due
OCT 19 - Guadalupe Co. CDM Contest Registration Deadline
OCT 23 - Guadalupe Co. CDM Contst
OCT 22 - County Food & Nutrition Contests
OCT 22 - Clover Kid Food Show (AM)

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Food Show
- Food Challenge
- FCH Quizbowl
- AG Product ID
- Fashion Storyboard
- Natural Fiber Contest
- Youth Showcase (county)
  - Baking, canning, sewing, photography, art
- Consumer Decision Making
- Educational Presentations
- Duds to Dazzle
- Fashion Show

- **We will be posting new Rules & Guidelines once they are available! There have been some changes so please be sure to review the new guidelines for practices! Resources have changes and are on our website!**
- **All Entry Forms are available on our website!**

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# PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Pumpkins can be carved or decorated
Must be a registered Clover Kid/4-H member to member to open.
Categories: Clover Kid or 4-H Member

Submissions due October 27th
Entries will be posted on Facebook and voted on.
Whichever pumpkin has the most likes by October 31st at 12pm wins a small prize!

## ★ OPEN TO ALL 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS ★

JANUARY 29, 2027

$10 PER ENTRY

MEDINA COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW EST. 1940

# YOUTH SHOWCASE

*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2026*

**CONTEST CATEGORIES**

**BAKED FOOD**
**CANNED FOOD**
**ART**
**PHOTOGRAPHY**
**SEWING**

**For more information contact:**
**Medina County Extension Office @ 830.741.6180 or silia.lopez@ag.tamu.edu**
**Recipe Forms can be found on mcjls.org (for Baked, Canned or Dried Goods only)**
**Recipe Forms must be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.**

## CLUB MANAGERS

| 4-H Club | Manager (s) | Phone # |
|---|---|---|
| Castroville | Krista Binford<br>Amber Haby<br>Pennie Robertson | 210-364-5568<br>210-316-3867<br>210-625-2364 |
| Devine 4-H & Clover Kids | Tiffany Klein<br>Lauren Garrison | 830-456-5231<br>719-680-4456 |
| D'Hanis | Laurie Henefey | 830-426-6260 |
| Hondo Intermediate (3rd-5th) | Sarah Reus<br>Madeline Steubing | 979-220-8414<br>830-426-0160 |
| Hondo Jr High (6th-8th) | Nicole Steubing<br>Sandy Steubing | 830-423-4589<br>830-931-5327 |
| Hondo Sr High (9th-12th) | Vicky Steubing<br>Laurie Lentz | 210-275-3973<br>210-213-2088 |
| LaCoste | Laura Kohlleppel<br>Tonyha Johnson<br>Kari Menchaca | 210-288-5645<br>210-837-5616<br>210-508-3401 |
| Rio Medina | Michael Zinsmeyer<br>Rikki Zinsmeyer | 830-931-5390<br>830-931-3368 |
| Clover Kids Hondo | Madeline Steubing | 830-426-0160 |

**Club Manager Report Form**

This form is for Club Managers ONLY. The QR code takes you to the link to the Google Form for the Monthly Club Manager Report Form. You can submit via the Google Form or the paper form on our website.

**Project Interest Form**

If you are a 4-H member interested in joining a team or project fill out the form and we can provide you with contact information, practice dates, etc.

### Next 4-H Meeting Dates

**Mark your calendars...**

Castroville - Sunday, Nov 8 @6:00pm
Castroville American Legion
Devine - Tuesday, Nov. 10 @6:00pm
Devine Intermediate Cafeteria
D'Hanis - Wednesday, Nov. 4 @7:30pm
D'Hanis Community Center
Hondo - Sunday, Nov. 8 @5:00pm
St Paul Lutheran Church
LaCoste - Monday, Nov. 9 @6:30pm
LaCoste VFW - 11230 Castro Ave.
Rio Medina - Sunday, Nov. 8 @5:00pm
Roger's Ranch

Remind Code:
medina4h

Facebook:

### HOW TO CONTACT US

We welcome any calls or emails and will respond in a timely manner.


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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Food Show & Food Challenge Contest | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 County Broiler Orders Due | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 TRICK OR TREAT |

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| 22 | 23 County Council Meeting (tentative) | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

**Major Show Sign Up**

Office Closed

## Upcoming in December

Dec. 2-5 - D10 Fall Roundup
Dec. 15 - County Show Entries Due
Dec. 21- Rabbit Validation
Dec. 30 - Youth Showcase Recipes Due